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President

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To The Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Assistant Commissioner:

The attached communication was received in my office as of today. Further, I truly dislike having to send this type of communication.

I am, at this time, seeking replacement patent prosecution council. This process should be complete within a few weeks. Mr. Matthews is well aware that I am in the process of securing both a patent defense litigator and a patent prosecutor.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Matthews, although he is aware of my time frame, could not be professional enough to wait for me to obtain prosecution council. I, however, do find his communication to the US Patent & Trademark Office inappropriate and potentially slanderous.

I agree there are "Irreconcilable differences." These differences do stem from a "Lack of Discourse and Discourteousness." However, the "Lack of Discourse and Discourteousness" was not displayed by any employee of ClearValue or myself.

I apologize if this communication may not be in the proper format. As I have communicated with Mr. Matthews over the past few weeks, I am not an attorney and cannot take the responsibility for such. Again, I should have replacement council soon.

I notice that Mr. Bowick did not provide any new address or phone number for communication. Should the US PTO require correspondence prior to my obtaining new council, please note:

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Examiner Peter Hruskoci by fax

Examiner Chester Barry by fax

(Mr. Barry, I am told the response on the merged re-exam/re-issue that was due to you by 01/07/02 has been extended to 02/07/02; I was assured by Mr. Johnson at The Matthews Firm that The Matthews Firm would finish that response. With my receipt of Mr. Bowick's communication, at this time, I am not so sure.